

## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

### TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☒ Original
- ☐ Design
- ☐ Supplemental
- ☐ National Stage of PCT
- ☐ Divisional
- ☐ Continuation
- ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP)

### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### TITLE OF INVENTION

Methods and Devices for Reducing Stress Concentration When Supporting a Body

### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which:

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as

☐ Serial No. 0 / \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. §1.56(a).

☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement 37 CFR §1.97.

## PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

☒ no such applications have been filed.

☐ such applications have been filed as follows:

Earliest Foreign Applications, if any, Filed Within 12 Months (6 Months Design)  
Prior to This Application

| Country | Application No. | Date of Filing<br>(day, month, year) | Priority Claimed<br>Under 37 USC 119 |
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All Foreign Applications, if any, Filed More Than 12 Months (6 Months Design)  
Prior to This Application

| Country | Application No. | Date of Filing<br>(day, month, year) | Priority Claimed<br>Under 37 USC 119 |
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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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☒ Attached as part of this declaration and power of attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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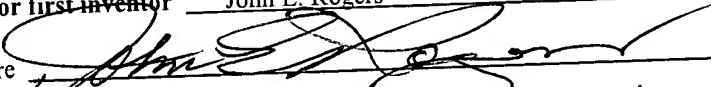
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### DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of the Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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### ADDED PAGE(S) WHICH FORM A PART OF THIS DECLARATION

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[ ] Signature for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized under 37 CFR §1.47.

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☐ Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (CIP) application. Number of pages added \_\_\_\_.

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☐ Authorization of attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative.

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☒ This declaration ends with this page.